(b) and (c) Detailed designing of the cable stayed bridge module for the difficult foundation area on South side has been taken up.

Broad Gauge Rail line to Guwahati

144. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Broad Gauge rail line constructed upto Guwahati is not strong enough to withstand the super-fast trains, running beyond 75 km. per hour;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to upgrade the strength of this Broad Gauge line to make it suitable for super fast trains; and

(c) if so, what are the details there of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir, except in certain stretches.

(b) and (c) Ballast cushion is being increased for raising the speed in those stretches.

Mal-practices in rail reservation at Delhi

145. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in spite of computerisation of advance railway reservations at Delhi, mal-practices go unabated and reservation for long distance stations are made in fictitious names and then tickets sold to actual travellers at a premium by well established groups running travel agencies in the capital; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to check this and provide better service to genuine passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The malpractices have come down appreciably after computerisation of reservations.

(b) The following steps have been taken:—

(i) A close surveillance on Reservation offices is being maintained to detect and apprehend touts. During the period 1-11-86 to 6-4-87, 69 touts were apprehended and prosecuted in Delhi area.

(ii) Checks are conducted in running trains to detect cases of transferred reservations.

(iii) In some cases, where telephone numbers are mentioned in the requisition slip, phone calls are made to find out whether the reservation made is genuine. In cases of doubt, the reservation is cancelled.

(iv) Railway staff are also sent to visit the address given in the requisition slip and reservation cancelled if particulars are found fictitious. During checks made recently, 6 such reservations with false addresses were cancelled.

(v) Frequent warnings to intending passengers against unauthorised purchase/sale of tickets are being issued through notices and announcements over the public announcement system; and

(vi) Strict supervision is maintained over reservation staff and those found indulging in irregularities are taken up departmentally

Sports grant to Punjab University

146. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of grant released by Government through UGC or otherwise to the Punjab University for promotion of sports during each of the last three years; and

(b) what are the details of the fresh steps that have been taken to attract students to sports and scouting at young age?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission, it sanctioned the following grants to Punjab University for promotion of sports during the last three years:

Year	Amount paid
1984-85	Rs. 50,000
1985-86	Nil
1986-87	Rs. 1,00,000

(b) With a view to attracting students to sports the Government have raised the number and value of sports scholarships for students three-fold. The Sports Authority of India has launched the schemes of National Sports Talent Contest for school students and Adoption of schools for nurturing talent spotted in the Contest. The Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports has set up a number of Sports field Stations in universities to impart sports training and coaching to students. The new School Prize Money Scheme based on district level tournaments among schools is expected to create enthusiasm for sports among students. Besides, grants are given by Government to the University Grants Commission for assisting universities and colleges in creation of sports infrastructure. As for scouting and guiding, a provision of Rs. 1 crore has been made in the Seventh Five Year Plan for encouraging these activities, *inter alia* in schools and colleges.

Assistance to Punjab University for Video Cassette Production

147. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to help in the establishment of video cassette production units by various educational institutions or Universities; and

(b) if so, what assistance has been offered to the Punjab University for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The UGC is implementing a programme of establishment of Educational Media Research Centres and Audio-Visual Research Centres in selected universities. The centres are intended for the production of software for educational broadcasts and telecasts and for training of manpower for this purpose.

(b) The Punjab University has submitted a proposal for the establishment of an Audio-Visual Research Centre. No decision has been taken by the Commission on this proposal. In the meanwhile, the Commission has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 11.25 lakhs to the Punjab University for production of Video-programmes.

U.G.C. sanction for Film Study centres in Universities

148. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.G.C. has sanctioned setting up of Film Study Centres in some Universities;

(b) if so, what are the objects and guiding principles for the establishment of such Centres; and

(c) which of the Universities that have already set up these centres?